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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: DIGITAL RECORDING APPARATUS,  
DIGITAL REPRODUCING APPARATUS,  
DIGITAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING  
APPARATUS, ENCRYPTION APPARATUS,  
DECRYPTION APPARATUS, ENCRYPTION  
METHOD, AND DECRYPTION METHOD

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Examiner: T. D. Pogmore

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.